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Inside Wallops

Wallops Employees are Winners During American Heritage Week Celebration



Freda Johnson

A sunny sky, slight breeze made for Indian summer days during the American Heritage Week celebration, October 6-9.

Beginning with an Open House and Employee Coffee on Monday to the International Luncheon on Thursday, the Wallops community came together in a big way. Tuesday morning, Wallops Senior Manager, John Campbell welcomed folks and introduced our own choral group, the Voices of Wallops, who performed several selections.

Terry Ewell, Bob Tittle, Tony Rios were recognized for their efforts in recycling with proceeds going to non-profit organizations. Mark Paranzino and Freda Johnson received recognition for accessibility and Jeanette Smolinski for directing the Voices of Wallops. Activities in the Gym concluded with a Center Director's Colloquium.

Wallops organizations, food vendors, arts and crafts and entertainers filled the N-159 Hanger for Wallops Day on Tuesday.

The first "Shore Thing" parade took place on Wednesday with Grand Marshall, John Campbell, in the lead. The winning entry was the Wallops Black History Club, second place went to Happily Ever After Farms (Brett Vincent), and the third place winner was the Navy Surface Combat System Center's entry. Judges were Craig Purdy, (NASA); Lt. Cmdr. Ron LaBreck, (U.S. Coast Guard); Al Answini, (Marine Science Consortium); and Lt. Peter Spurr (U.S. Navy).

A. J. Kellam was the grand prize winner of a \$500 Savings Bond donated by the Wallops Contractor's Association. Computer Science Corporation and Swales provided ice cream treats on Tuesday and Wednesday. A variety of door prizes were provided by Wallops organizations.

Gerry Doyon correctly named all 21 entries in the "Name That Aircraft Contest" and was the winner of a large NASA canvas bag.



Dave Moltedo



Bernita Justis



Jay Scott



Jean Lopez



John Campbell Mike Conger - driver



Tina Wessells



Sandra Kleckner



Steve Nelson



Barbara Justis



Wallops Black History Club



Lucille Fox

NASA AWARDS NENS CONTRACT

Honeywell Technology Solutions, Inc. (HTSI), of Columbia, Md., has been awarded the Near Earth Networks Services (NENS) contract. The total estimated maximum value of the two-component contract is approximately \$785.2 million.

HTSI will provide support to NASA's Space and Ground Networks managed by the Mission Services Program at the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC).

Under the cost-plus-award-fee/IDIQ contract, HTSI will provide technical and management services in support of tracking and data-acquisition operations at GSFC; Wallops Flight Facility; White Sands Complex, Las Cruces, N.M.; Merritt Island Launch Annex, Fla.; Poker Flat, Alaska; McMurdo Station, Antarctica; and Guam.

2003 Combined Federal Campaign



"Brings Out the Hero in You"

The annual Combined Federal Campaign has begun and will run through the month of October. Last year, thanks to the generosity of Federal employees on the Eastern Shore, our local CFC raised \$49,309.

Many local, national, and international voluntary agencies benefit from the generosity of federal employees. Our donations offer renewed hope for millions of people in our global community, near and far.

Payroll deduction makes it convenient to give and allows you to spread your contribution across the entire year. The payroll deductions begin on the first pay period in January.

The listing for local organizations begins on page 7 of the CFC 2003 brochure. The United Way of Virginia, Eastern Shore Federation and Member Organizations are included in this campaign and begin on page 10.

For further information contact the Wallops Chairperson, Amy Taylor on x1322 or the Co-chairperson, Rob Hurley on x1881.

Wallops Shorts

In the News

Eastern Shore News

"County Officials: Storm Response Was Very Good"

Balloon Launch

A NASA scientific balloon was successfully launched from Ft. Sumner, N.M., on October 9. The 0.6 million cubic foot balloon carried a neutron spectrometer to study the characteristics and spectrum of cosmic ray heavy ions and protons at atmospheric levels comparable with the surface of Mars. Dr. Richard Maurer, John Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, was the principal investigator. Total flight time was 25 hours, 47 minutes.

Sounding Rocket Launch

A NASA Improved Orion sounding rocket was launched from Wallops Island on October 9 at 7:37 a.m. The student outreach experiment was to demonstrate a new gas filter correlation radiometer, measure and image the Metompkin Inlet and to provide a learning experience for students from the University of Virginia (UVA).

Good experiment data was obtained. The payload was recovered and returned to the students at the Wallops Main Base.

Professor Gabriel Laufer, UVA, was the principal investigator. Bill Payne, NSROC, was the Mission Manager. Alice Rew, NASA Range and Mission Management Office, was the project manager.

Ron Forsythe Retires

Congratulations to Ron Forsythe, NASA Systems Software Engineering Branch, retired effective October 3 with over 40 years of government service. Forsythe was a computer engineer at the time of his retirement.

Aerobics Club News



The Wallops Aerobics Club announces a new start time for evening aerobics.

Beginning with the new six-week session starting on Tuesday, October 14, the Monday and Wednesday evening class will be from 5 to 6 p.m., and the Friday evening class will be from 4:40 to 5:40 p.m.

For more information, call Anita Speidel at (757) 824-0130 or Clayton Wetzel on x1648.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

"Give the Gift of Life"

Thursday October 16, 2003

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Building F-3 (Rocket Club)

The need for blood donations continues to be very great. Our Red Cross representatives are part of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Blood Services based in Norfolk, Va. This group relies heavily on the military for donations. Their resources are down due to many military personnel being deployed.

Remember:

- Each donation could possibly save 3-4 lives

- Each donation produces seven different blood products

- Any healthy person at least 17 years of age and with a minimum weight of 110 lbs can donate every 8 weeks.

- The process is under the supervision of an American Red Cross Medical Unit Supervisor.

- The procedure includes a medical check, actual donation, and some time for relaxation and refreshments.

- The actual blood collection takes approximately 10-20 minutes.

- The entire process, from when you sign in to the time you leave, takes between 45 minutes to 1 hour.

- Be sure to get sufficient rest the night before and eat a well balanced breakfast and lunch the day you donate.

T-shirts will be available to all donors. To schedule an appointment, call the Health Unit at x1766.

Centennial of Flight Milestones

93 years ago on October 11, Teddy Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to fly.

56 years ago on October 14, Capt. Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in a Bell XS-1.

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